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: November 12, 2004

TO

: Director, Office of Patent Publication

FROM

: Office of the Deputy Commissioner

for Patent Examination Policy

SUBJECT

: Withdrawal from Issue of Application No. 09/838,277

Applicant(s)

Tetsuo Sakanaka

Application No.

09/838,277

April 20, 2001

The above-identified application has been assigned Patent No. 6,819,873 and an issue date of November 16, 2004.

It is hereby directed that this application be withdrawn from issue at the request of the applicant.

Do not refund the issue fee.

The following erratum should be published in the Official Gazette if the above-identified application is published in the OG of: November 16, 2004.

"All reference to Patent No. 6,819,873 to Tetsuo Sakanaka of Japan for OPTICAL FREE-SPACE COMMUNICATION APPARATUS appearing in the Official Gazette of November 16, 2004 should be deleted since no patent was granted."

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